



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of:

Cord WOHLTMANN

Appl. No. 09/736,190

Filed: December 15, 2000

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS
FOR COUNTERACTING THE
LACK OF BALANCE OF PARTS
IN A CUTOFF FOR CIGARETTES
AND THE LIKE

Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Stephen Choi

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply. The present Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Application is amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

A check in the amount of \$770.00 for the RCE fee is enclosed. If no check is attached, or if the Patent Office deems any additional fees are necessary, authorization is hereby granted to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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